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The next issue of Focus should be appearing Tuesday, November 15th, 1977. We would welcome any news you might wish to make known to the general L.S.A. membership. The deadline for submissions for Issue 7 of Focus will be Friday, November 11, 1977. Submissions should be placed in the mail box of Information Services or you can come by Room 309 and let Anne or myself know what you would like to have featured in the newsletter.

Chairman Search Committee In the Works

As of October 7, 1977 the Arts and Science Faculty Council picked professors for seven different departments to sit on Advisory Committees to choose Departmental Chairmen (see memo sent by Jean Robertson dated October 11, 1977). These committees are moving full steam ahead with the Division Deans anxious to get this work done so that Arts and Science Departments of Concordia University will have only one Chairman.

It should be stressed that these Committees are very important and students have representation on them. That representation numbers 2, not 1, as some professors are mistakenly suggesting. Because this is such an important work item all departments who have not struck Advisory Search Committees should do so as soon as possible. Moreover, students from each department or their departmental Association reps. should make sure that there are 2 students on their Department's Chairman Search Committee.

University Senate To Meet Again on Academic Re-Evaluation Issues

Despite the Senate meeting on September 30, 1977 to establish a procedure for academic re-evaluation, Concordia University still does not have one. As the Slack-Preston Proposal was rejected it is now left to Senate to devise and decide upon a new proposal. University Senate is meeting Friday, October 21, 1977 to hopefully reach a final satisfactory solution to this pressing matter. Once an accepted plan is adopted the student body will be duly informed.

Member Association News

According to Departmental Council Chairperson, Antoinette Bozac, everything is running smoothly in the departmental Associations, with a great many people showing an active interest in getting things off the ground. There have already been a series of events put on by various associations such as Meet the Prof Night, Wine and Cheese Parties and days at LaColle.

Individual up-coming projects include the publication of LQS, the English Students' Association literary journal, which is expected to come out sometime in November. The History Students' Association has scheduled a Wine and Cheese party for November 2, 1977 and they have begun preparation for the presentation of a film series as well as having started work on their history journal, CLIO. From the Math Students' Association we have learned that there will be an upcoming Mathematics and Related Topics lecture series beginning October 26, 1977. And, for all those people having problems with math- a service has been set up called the Math Aid Station, where students taking courses can come for help in mathematics on Thursdays between 10:00 and 4:00. Finally, the Physics Students' Association is planning an Astronomy Seminar Weekend at Lacolle.

Besides planning events, the Associations have also been very busy forming a number of important committees. For example, the English Students' Association has appointed student reps. to sit on the Tenure and Advisory Search Committee, the Visiting Lecturers Committee and the Lacolle Committee. This is just a small sample of what some of the Associations have been doing to date. If any other Associations would like to keep the general L.S.A. membership in touch with what you are doing, feel free to drop by Information Services, Room 309. We would be glad to know what you are up to.

Items In The News

Study On Quebec's University System Established

In the October issue of FAPUQ Information it was reported that the Quebec Government has set up the Commission d'Etudes sur les Universités (CEU), to look at the university system in Quebec. The setting up of this commission has been in the works since January of this year and represents the first study of its kind to be sponsored by the PQ Government. Four committees have been set up under the CEU with membership coming from McGill, Université de Montréal, Université du Québec à Rimouski, Université du Québec à Montréal, Université du Laval, CGEP du Hull, and Concordia University. The four committees are: Comité d'études sur les universités, l'Université et la société québécoise, L'Organisation du système Universitaire and Formation et recyclage des Enseignants. The last committee on the training and re-training of teachers is the only one which Concordia was represented in.

We've Got It Made!

If you think you are under a lot of pressure now that mid-terms are coming up and the second installment of tuitions are due soon, take comfort in knowing that we have it pretty well made compared to people going to school in Japan. With the high cost of education (it has doubled in five years), and the apparent pressure cooker atmosphere of competition in schools (the best jobs go to the graduates of the best universities), it is still quite shocking to learn that, according to a September issue of the Economist, there were 800 student suicides last year. There is also a rising incidence of school dropouts and youthful violence. So when things get pretty bad, just think of the Japanese situation and you're bound to feel a little better.

Bits And Pieces

New L.S.A. Secretary. In case you did not know, we have a new permanent secretary at the L.S.A. Her name is Barbara Beresford. Barbara started with us on October 11, 1977 and we'd like to welcome her aboard...The scheduled Cultural Week (see Focus, issue 5) has been cancelled due to lack of time for preparation. However, the Cultural Associations will be sponsoring a Classical Recital to be held on November 5, 1977 at 8:30 p.m. in the Loyola Chapel...The Handbook goes to press and should be appearing very soon... Two New Campus Center Board Members were recently announced. They are Bob Cannon and Gene Dempsey....The First C.U.S.A. Assembly Meeting is to be held on Monday, November 7, 1977 at 5:30 p.m. in the Loyola Evening Students' Association office at 2501 West Broadway... As you may or may not know, Booking Procedures have been formulated (see memo from Sue Saucedo dated September 26, 1977). As a reminder, here they are again

in brief: 1) the Association signing officer is the only one allowed to book rooms 2) all events are to be handled by the Events Co-Ordination office 3) To have events with liquor permission from Brian Counihan, Assistant Dean of Students, is required 4) Make sure the room you want is available on the required date (check with Events Co-Ordination) 5) get purchase order from Rick Walsh (Treasurer of the L.S.A.) to book room 6) fill out Request form for Facilities and Services, Events Co-Ordination form and send it to Events Co-Ordination Office... Reminder re: Posting regulations 1) All flyers and posters must be stamped by the L.S.A. 2) They must appear on the appropriate boards. 3) Two weeks is the maximum period for posting an event. 4) Material must be removed two days after the event. 5) You are restricted to about 20 posters and 150 flyers per event. 6) You are allowed 1 poster and 2 flyers per board per event... Senate Documents have all been bound from January 1977 to March, 1977 in 17 volumes. You can find these documents in the Co-Presidents' office and they can be used for consultation or borrowed at any time... L.S.A. Name Change In case you didn't know the Loyola Students' Association was recently changed by Referendum to the Loyola Students' Association of Concordia University.
